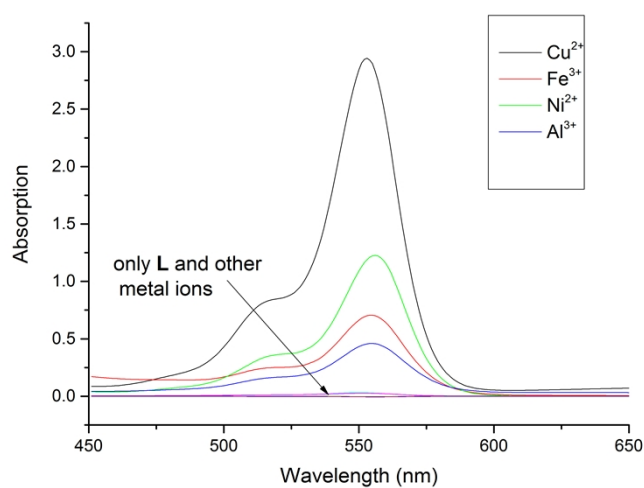


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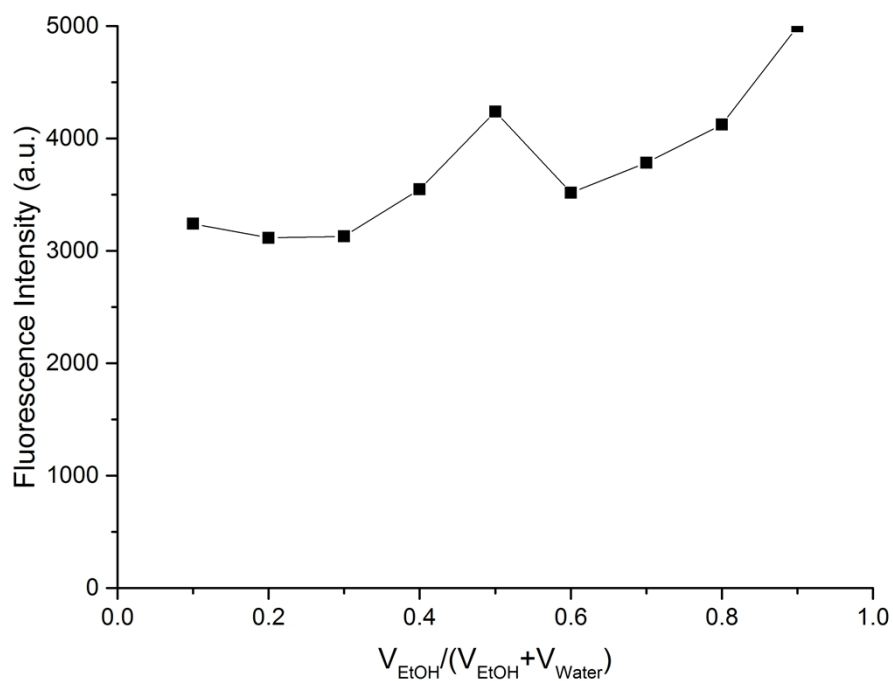
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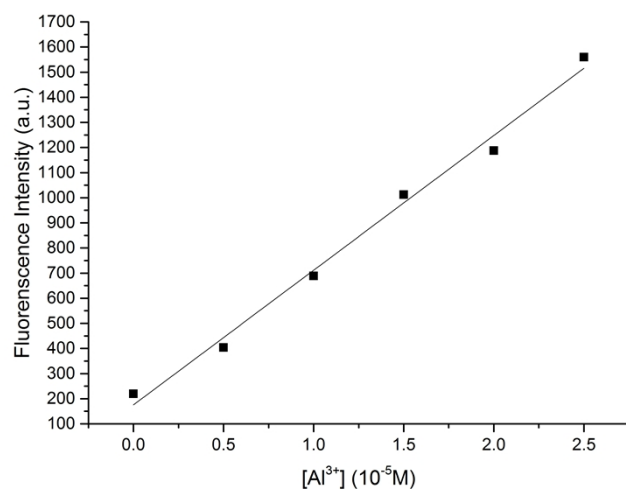
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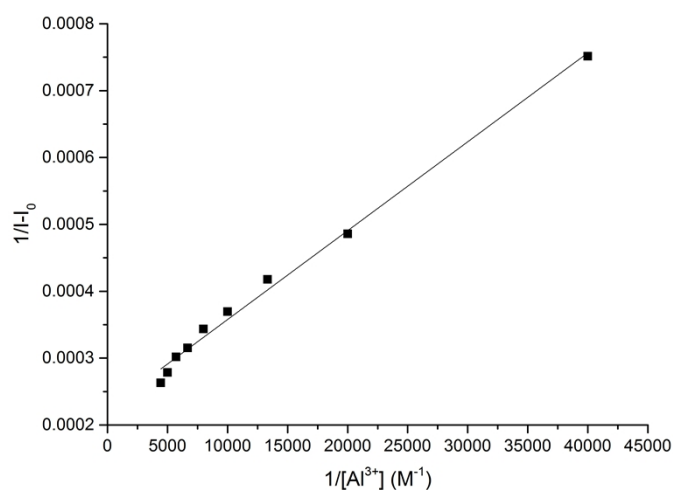
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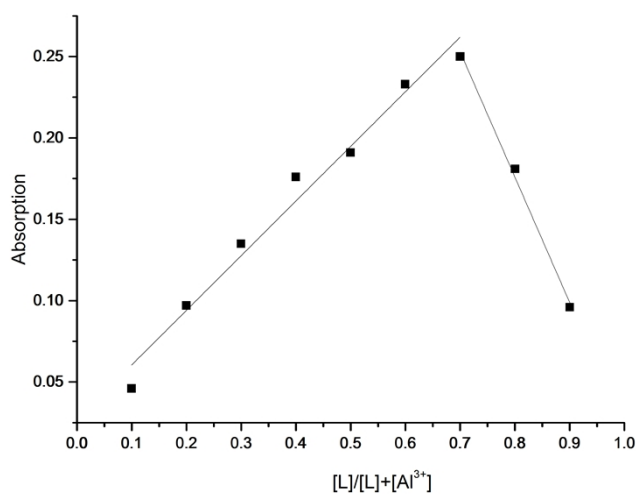
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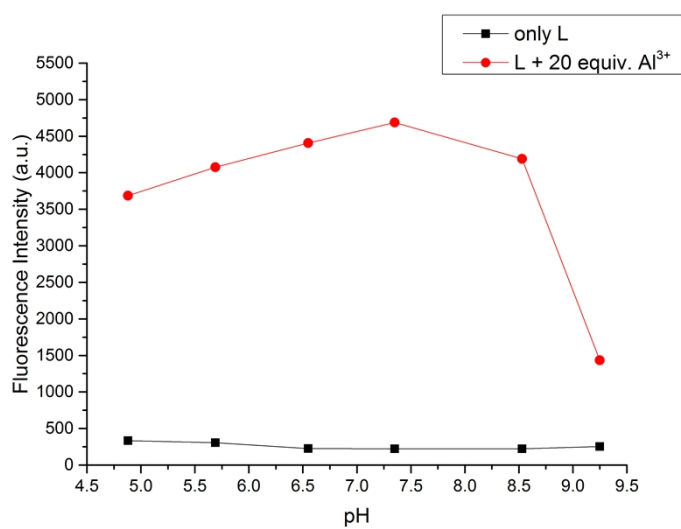
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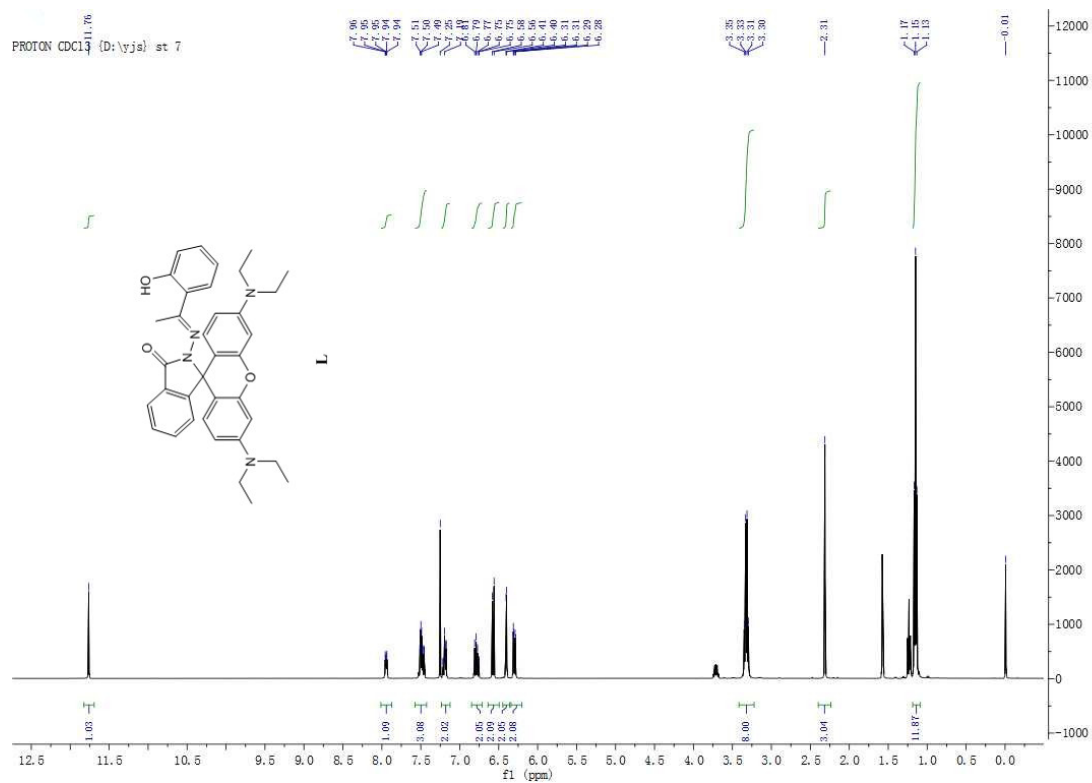
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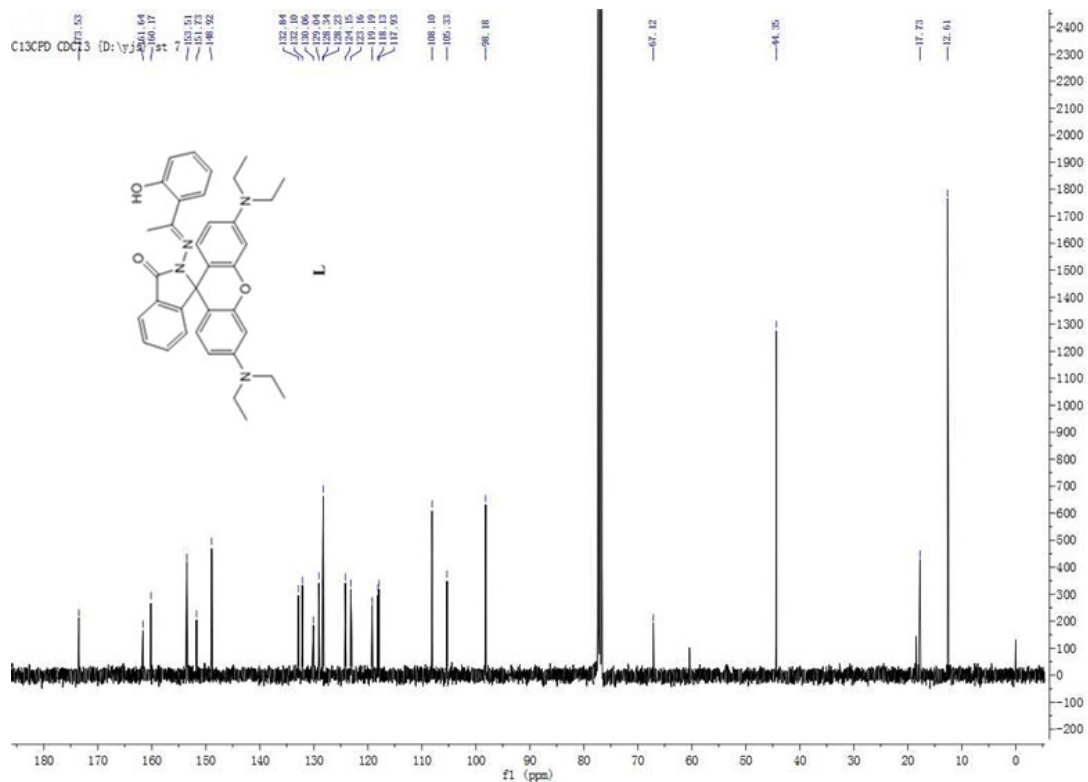
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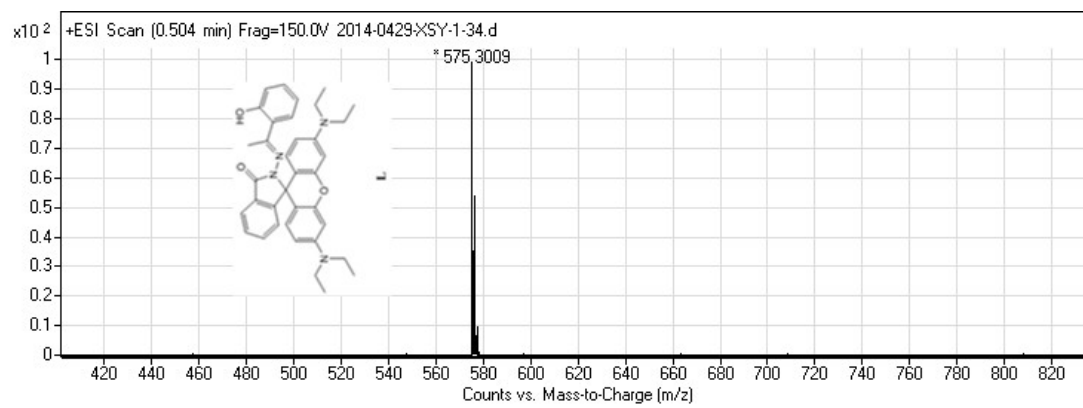
**Fig. S6.** Changes in the emission intensity at 578nm of probe **L** with pH before and after addition of 25 equiv.  $Al^{3+}$  in EtOH/HEPES (9:1, v/v, pH 7.2) solution.  $\lambda_{ex} = 560$  nm,  $\lambda_{em} = 578$  nm.



**Fig. S7.** The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of probe **L**.



**Fig. S8.** The <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of probe **L**.



**Fig. S9.** The HRMS of probe L.